

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN DIEGO REGION**

ADDENDUM NO. 5 TO ORDER NO. 96-04

**GENERAL WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
PROHIBITING SANITARY SEWER OVERFLOWS
BY SEWAGE COLLECTION AGENCIES**

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (hereinafter Regional Board), finds that:

1. Collection and conveyance of municipal wastewater in sanitary sewers entails the possibility of discharges of untreated or inadequately treated sewage as a result of overflows caused by pump failure, pipe rupture, flooding, blockage, and other reasonably foreseeable events. Discharges of untreated or inadequately treated sewage cause or threaten to cause conditions of pollution and nuisance. Such collection and conveyance is regulated by Order No. 96-04, *General Waste Discharge Requirements Prohibiting Sanitary Sewer Overflows by Sewage Collection Agencies*.
2. The Monitoring and Reporting Program associated with Order No. 96-04 contains an error which has caused confusion regarding the reporting requirements for certain sanitary sewage overflows and has resulted in some sewer agencies failing to report some overflows within the required time frames. Currently, the Monitoring and Reporting Program states that “if the sanitary sewer overflow event results in a discharge of 1,000 gallons or more to surface waters, the discharger shall: a) Report the overflow to the Regional Board by telephone, voice mail, or FAX within 24 hours e) Submit [a] completed sanitary sewer overflow form ... no later than 5 days from the start date of the sanitary sewer overflow.” The intent of the Order, however, was to require sewer agencies to report all spills that are 1,000 gallons or more (regardless of destination) and all spills reaching surface waters (regardless of volume) within the 24-hour and 5-day time frames. This addendum reflects the intent of the Order.
3. This project involves a prohibition of discharge and as such is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code, Section 21000 et seq.) in accordance with Section 15108, Chapter 3, Title 14, California Administrative Code.
4. The Regional Board has notified the Sewage Collection Agencies and all known interested parties of its intent to amend waste discharge requirements prohibiting sanitary sewer overflows.
5. The Regional Board has, at a public meeting on September 13, 2000 heard and considered all comments pertaining to the terms and conditions of this addendum.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that:

Sections B.1, B.2 and B.3 of Monitoring and Reporting Program No. 96-04 are superseded by the following:

1. 24-Hour Reporting to the Regional Board

If the sanitary sewer overflow event results in a discharge of 1,000 gallons or more, or results in a discharge to surface waters (any volume), the discharger shall:

Report the sanitary sewer overflow event to the Regional Board by any available means, including telephone, voice mail, or FAX, within 24 hours from the time that 1) discharger has knowledge of the sanitary sewage overflow, 2) notification is possible, and 3) notification can be provided without substantially impeding cleanup or other emergency measures. Notification may be made after normal business hours by leaving a message for the Regional Board on voice mail or FAX.

- a) *For the purpose of this Order, surface waters include navigable waters, rivers, streams (including ephemeral streams), lakes, playa lakes, natural ponds, bays, the Pacific Ocean, lagoons, estuaries, man-made canals, ditches, dry arroyos, mudflats, sandflats, wet meadows, wetlands, swamps, marshes, sloughs and water courses, and storm drains tributary to surface waters. The term includes waters of the United States as used in the federal Clean Water Act (see 40 CFR 122.2)*
- b) *The information reported to the Regional Board in the initial report shall include the name and phone number of the person reporting the sanitary sewer overflow, the responsible sanitary sewer system agency, the estimated total sewer overflow volume, the location, the receiving waters, whether or not the sewer overflow is still occurring at the time of the report, and confirmation that the local health services agency was or will be notified as required under the reporting requirements of the local health services agency.*

2. Five-Day Reporting to the Regional Board

If the sanitary sewer overflow event results in a discharge of 1,000 gallons or more, or results in a discharge to surface waters (any volume), the discharger shall:

Complete a copy of the Sanitary Sewer Overflow Form attached to Monitoring and Reporting Program No. 96-04, and submit the completed Sanitary Sewer Overflow Report form, along with any additional correspondence, to the Regional Board no later than 5 days following the starting date of the sanitary sewer overflow. Additional correspondence and follow-up reports should be submitted to the Regional Board, as necessary, to supplement the Sanitary Sewer Overflow Report

Form to provide detailed information on cause, response, adverse effects, corrective actions, preventative measures, or other information.

3. *Quarterly Reporting to the Regional Board*

For all sanitary sewer overflows, regardless of volume or final destination, the discharger shall:

Enter the data on a computer disk in the format described in Section C of Monitoring and Reporting Program No. 96-04 for submission to the Regional Board after the end of the quarter.

I, John Robertus, Executive Officer, do hereby certify the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of an Addendum adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region, on September 13, 2000.

JOHN H. ROBERTUS
Executive Officer